

COMSTOCK SAYS IT'S WAR TO THE KNIFE

He is in Deadly Earnest in His Crusade on Commuters' Card Games.

WILL ARREST PLAYERS.

Says He'll Procure Warrants for These "Gamblers" and "Nab" Them at Hoboken Ferry.

WANTS LIBRARIES PROVIDED.

Suggests that Andrew Carnegie Supply Books for Passengers to Read Across Jersey Flats.

By Cartoonist Ed Flinn.

He had just secured two convictions in a case that he had been prosecuting in the Court of Special Sessions and was in unusually good spirits—was Mr. Anthony Comstock as we walked down Centre street.

"When will hostilities open up along the Road of Anthracite?" I asked him as we passed the Tombs.

"One would think you were referring to the Siberian Railroad, where the Japs and Russians are mixing it up," replied Mr. Comstock. "To come nearer home," however, hostilities have already begun on the Lackawanna, and I intend to put a permanent stop to the operations of these card sharps who are fleecing young men of their money daily on the suburban trains.

There has been a falling off already in these devilish poker games since Friday, I am informed, when I made known my objection to the nefarious practice."

"But," I chipped in, "isn't it a man's own business if he plays a friendly little game of penny ante or what or casino, on the way down to business in the morning, and loses, say, a bag of peanuts or a package of chewing gum?"

Heavy Gambling This.

"Joses what!" exclaimed Comstock. "Why, I know of cases where men have won and lost as much as \$20 and \$30 a day on these suburban trains! Yes, it's as bad as it has been pictured, and much worse! Young men on salaries of \$7 to \$10 per week lose to these sharpers, and in a short time they become defaulters, absconders!"

"When a young man on a small salary travels around with a pocket

KING EDWARD GOING TO FRANCE.

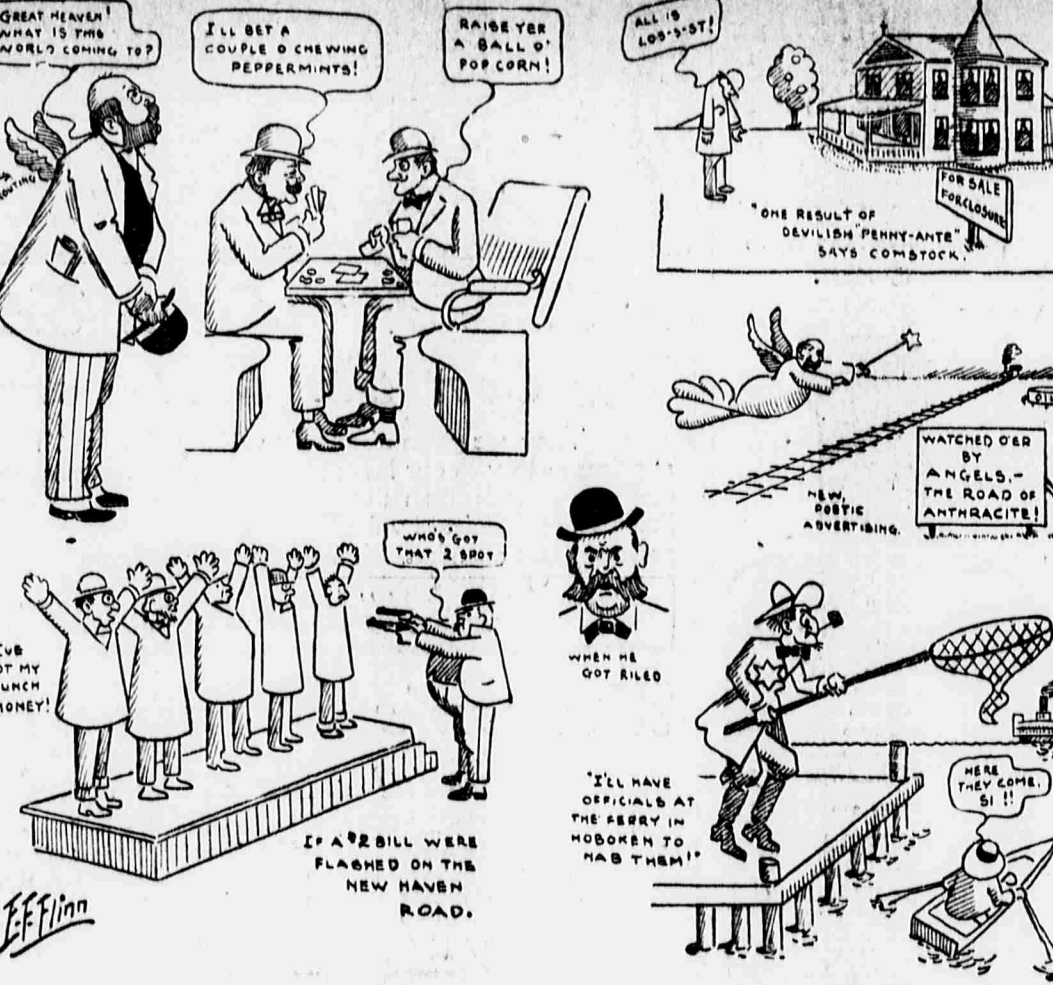
Is Due There To-morrow to Join Queen Alexandra and Will Meet President Loubet.

LONDON, April 5.—Definite arrangements have been completed for a brief meeting between King Edward and President Loubet while the former passes through France on his way to Marseilles to-morrow to board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert with Queen Alexandra on board.

The President will join the royal train at Biarritz, and will accompany the King to the Lyons Railroad Station.

PARIS, April 5.—King Edward's pas-

TERRIBLE DOINGS ON PHOEBE WHITE'S RAILROAD.



full of postage stamps, it's pretty evident that he's carrying them for a purpose, isn't it? And that purpose is to pay these gambling debts incurred in these devilish penny-ante and other card games on the suburban trains.

"When a young fool floats around with a pocket full of peanuts, it's just possible that he uses them, too, for the purpose of paying his gambling debts incurred on a railroad train!" I chimed in.

"It doesn't matter what is at stake," said Mr. Comstock. "Card games, and particularly poker, are the cause of the downfall of thousands of men—and for that matter, as many women—and I intend to fight it on these Lackawanna trains if I have to appeal to the New Jersey authorities. I will procure warrants for these gamblers and have men at the ferry landings in Hoboken ready to nab them when they land. I will procure the necessary evidence through my own men."

"Will you confine your activity to the Lackawanna road, or take in other roads patronized by commuters, such as the Erie and New Haven, where, if a two-dollar bill were flashed, they would stop the train and conduct a general hold-up?" I asked.

Won't Make Known Plans.

"As to that, I want say just what I intend to do, but I intend to make

sage through France to-morrow on his way to Marseilles and his meeting with President Loubet are attracting notable attention."

The officials here do not wish this meeting to assume political significance in connection with the Morocco incident. Nevertheless a large section of the press and public will attach significance to the exchange of Anglo-French amenities immediately following Germany's announcement that she does not accept the Anglo-French agreement relative to Morocco.

MRS. ROOSEVELT IN FLORIDA.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 5.—The President's yacht arrived today from a trip up the St. Johns River. Mrs. Roosevelt left the boat at Green Cove Springs and went to St. Augustine for a visit of a few days. All the children remained on the yacht and will await Mrs. Roosevelt's return here.

these sharpers look ridiculous instead of them making me look ridiculous, as has been threatened in the statements emanating from them."

"Do you know of any case of defalcation that can be directly traced to these little thirty-minute games on the commuters' trains?"

"I know of several cases where young men have stolen from their employers in order to hold their end up," "Their employers must have been penny-ante dealers," I ventured to say, having in mind the fact that many of the games played are for peanuts and gum drops.

"In many of the games," continued Mr. Comstock, "there is no coin used, are there any chips used, but the cards are given a value, and the 'losing-in-draw' takes place at the end of the trip."

"Taking this for granted, I thought of and felt deeply for many a commuter who gets his lunch money every morning from his wife and goes 'uncles'!"

Why He "Butts In."

"I should think, Mr. Comstock," I suggested, "to use an expression I heard this morning, there is enough vice rampant in New York to keep you busy without 'butting in' on the Jersey commuters."

"And what about the mothers of New Jersey boys who come to my office beg-

ging me in heaven's name to save their sons from the pitfalls into which they are falling?"

"Libraries are what should be provided to occupy the attention of the commuters on that large dreary ride across the Jersey flats. If the railroad company won't supply books it would be a good field for Andrew Carnegie, or somebody else, and many a man would be lifted out of the depths of degradation."

Where Articles Seized Go.

Switching away from the subject of commuters' card games, I asked Mr. Comstock what becomes of the thousands of pictures and contraband objects that come into his possession in making raids and confiscations, explaining that I had heard it said that very often simultaneously with the disposal of a case in New York a bunch of just such pictures, etc., would turn up somewhere in the West.

He flared up like the sky does at night in the vicinity of a gas furnace and became a human Vesuvius, advising me to tell the next person I heard make such a comment to go to the District Attorney's office and look up the record of these bunches of evidence and what becomes of them. They are destroyed, he said, and a destruction tag given for all of them.

I was Mr. Comstock's lunch time, and as he hadn't gambled his lunch money away and was hungry we parted.

The Kind You Have Always Bought.

THIS is the caution applied to the public announcement of Castoria that has been manufactured under the supervision of Chas. H. Fletcher for over 80 years—the genuine Castoria. We respectfully call the attention of fathers and mothers when purchasing Castoria to see that the wrapper bears his signature in black. When the wrapper is removed the same signature appears on both sides of the bottle in red. Parents who have used Castoria for their little ones in the past years need no warning against counterfeits and imitations, but our present duty is to call the attention of the younger generation to the great danger of introducing into their families spurious medicines.

It is to be regretted that there are people who are now engaged in the nefarious business of putting up and selling all sorts of substitutes, or what should more properly be termed counterfeits, for medicinal preparations not only for adults, but worse yet, for children's medicines. It therefore devolves on the mother to scrutinize closely what she gives her child. Adults can do that for themselves, but the child has to rely on the mother's watchfulness.

Genuine Castoria always bears the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

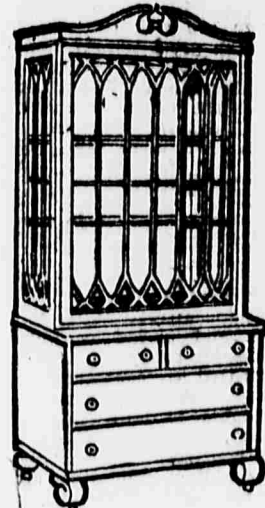
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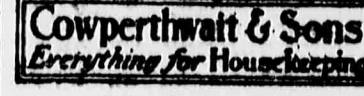
A China Cabinet of Colonial Days. \$58.00.



RICH dining-room piece; a copy from the late Colonial period. Polished mahogany with mahogany grill over the glass panels. Mirror back. Glass knobs. Capacious linen closet underneath. Is being sold at \$77.50.

Furniture Fashions.

An Old Familiar Sign to the Good Housewives of New York.



THE test of generations tells many a story in the making and unmaking of the shops that furnish the fashions of a city.

Of all the stores that were patronized by the grandmothers and great-grandmothers of the housewives of the New York of to-day, Cowperthwait & Sons' is one of the very few that now flourish.

It occupies the position of prominence now that it did when the Old Watch House was in Chatham Square—the best furniture house in the city.

Styles have changed and changed again—with the Cowperthwait assortment always exhibiting the most discriminating taste and the most acceptable styles. And the sturdy honesty that has marked its good faith with past generations still continues the bulwark of its success.

Whether one buys for cash or on liberal credit, he is always very sure the prices he is paying are the lowest, and the durability and style of the goods procured are the best.

New Carpets and Mattings for the New Home and the Old.

MANY will be the weddings from now till June. For every wedding there is a new home—manifold new expenses. Carpets and Mattings are prime necessities. Time-tried households that will be improved by new floor coverings are still greater in number.

To both:—You can procure the very best and latest that the world's markets afford at Cowperthwait's, under our admirable arrangement, which relieves you of hardship, and escape the abomination of cheap and worthless goods.

Rich Axminster Carpets at \$1.15 a Yard, Laid.

With a long, sheared pile, like an Oriental rug—in beautiful ecrus, fresh greens and browns—attractive patterns that are new with the season. Various stores in New York ask \$1.50 and \$1.75 for these carpets, calling them "Extra Axminsters."

so closely do they resemble the most expensive weaves. The Cowperthwait method is to sell them for what they are. Five feet away it is difficult for even a manufacturer to tell the difference.

All Cowperthwait Carpets Are Made, Lined and Laid on the Floor Without Extra Charge.

New Japanese Mattings at 19 Cents a Yara.

A stock pre-eminently handsome—a stock that shows that ALL OF JAPAN is NOT ON THE BATTLEFIELD. These Spring importations of mattings are the best that we ever imported. That fresh, sweet smell that tells you they are not two or

three years old and dried up. Bright, new patterns. This 19-cent grade is the one usually sold at 25 cents—and it includes the laying. Other styles up to 80 cents a yard.

Beautiful Assortments of Domestic and Oriental Rugs.

Substantial Solid Oak Sideboard.

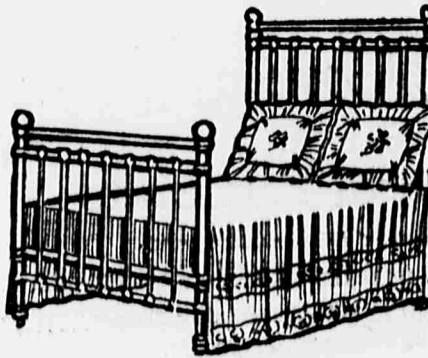
\$12.85.

WHEN a dining-room is comfortable it is the best room in the house. Next to the table, the sideboard is the important piece. This one, of well-grained solid oak, shows for much more than its cost. Heavy carving on the doors below—wide, generous drawer for table linen—cutlery and silver drawers at the top. It is usually sold for \$17.50—specially priced at \$12.85 as an evidence of good faith in Cowperthwait values. This week only.



Enamelled Iron Beds.

\$3.98.

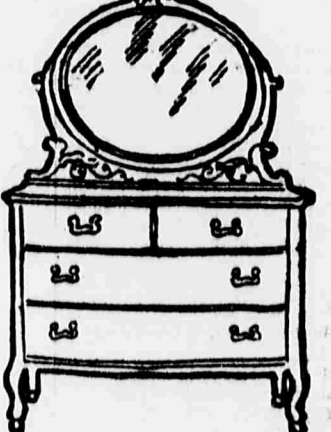


SUPERIOR beds, with brass top rails and brass knobs—full inch steel posts—fitted with good casters—we make it a practice to send goods out complete. Reinforced at the corner angles. In the four widths.

Handsome Dressers.

Oak, \$24.

Mahogany, \$26.



AN effort has been made to get all the value—all the quality and style—possible at these prices. The success of the effort will be appreciated. They have full swell fronts, and a finish and construction unusually good. The appearance of having cost \$40 or \$45. Others from \$7.50 to \$85.

Clear Crystal Set. 29 Cents.



SIX pieces of clear pressed crystal—in imitation of cut glass. An artistic, cleanly pattern. The price is the only thing trivial about it. It has been 50 cents—and still is in other stores.

Handy Folding Iron Couch, Complete with Fancy Covered Mattress and Bolster. \$8.98.



(Closed as a Couch.)

Hand Decorated Lamps of Rich Design.

\$4.10.

PRIMARILY this lamp is to shed light—but it is extremely ornamental and decorated in good taste—by hand. It stands 28 inches high and has a good Rochester burner. The price heretofore has been \$6.00, but it is offered this week as a special value at \$4.10. A complete assortment of Etruscan Brass and bronze Library Lamps.



A Stock That Is Constantly Moving.

A store in which goods constantly move must of necessity keep in touch with everything that is new, bright and desirable. Stocks come and go here with the regularity of the tides, and the tides of fashion in the Cowperthwait Stores are always running toward the flood of unsurpassed excellence.

Everything for Housekeeping---Cash or Liberal Credit

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That Mint Covered

Candy Coated

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